



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 23, 2016  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 30, 2016

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**DATE:** August 2, 2016

**TO:** Margie C. Rose, City Manager

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Acceptance of a \$2,500 grant from NuStar Energy L.P. to purchase equipment for the Aerial and Emerging Robotics Team.

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept a grant from NuStar Energy L. P. in the amount of \$2,500 to purchase equipment for the Emerging Robotics team; and appropriating \$2,500 from NuStar Energy L.P. into the No. 1062 Fire Grant Fund to be used specifically to purchase equipment for the Emerging Robotics team.

### **PURPOSE:**

The grant will be used to purchase equipment for the Aerial and Emerging Robotics team. The equipment will allow the team to transmit video images from the Unmanned Aerial System (drone) to a ground monitor and streamed to a secure site on the internet. Command Units, Administration, and EOC will access the video and have a better situational awareness, thereby improving safety and effectiveness at an emergency incident.

Additional uses of the Unmanned Aerial System will be overhead view of a large fire, damage assessment of a hurricane, wide area search for victims in the water and land. Fire Prevention activities such as determining the condition and layout of buildings. Hazmat incidents to determine the size of an event and the direction and speed of the plume.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

None

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

If we don't accept the grant, we will have to seek alternative funding.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Council approval of Ordinance to accept and appropriate grant funds.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Staff is requesting a non-emergency reading to this routine, non-controversial item.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal  
Finance –Grants

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

X Operating      ☐ Revenue      ☐ Capital      ☐ Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2015-2016</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
BALANCE	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00

Fund(s):

**Comments:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approving the Ordinance to accept and appropriate the grant funds in the amount \$2,500.00

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Award Letter